Steps to curb Terrorism in **the Country**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court in its judgement delivered on 6th April, 2004 has come down heavily on terrorism and has called upon the Government to curb terrorism which increases lawlessness and violence in the country;

(b) if so, what are the steps Government have taken to curb terrorist activities in the country, as suggested by Supreme Court; and

(c) to what extent, Union and State Governments have taken steps to curb the terrorist activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated 6.4.2004 has *inter-alia* observed that terrorism is one of the manifestations of increased lawlessness and cult of violence.

(b) and (c) The Government has consistently pursued a strategy to counter terrorism which gives primacy to dialogue, democratic political processes and the rule of law. The Central Government in conjunction with the State Governments has adopted an integrated approach to contain terrorism. This approach includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening border management to check infiltration, pro-active action against the terrorists within the affected States, gearing up of intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces, both at the Centre and in the States, action as per law against overground support for the terrorists and bilateral and multilateral cooperation to combat global terrorism. Within this broad strategy and approach, the measures, tactics and dynamic deployment of security forces to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored both at the Central level and in the States.